

Commercial and Industrial Buildings,
Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing
Company, Lumber Warehouse
Eighth and Washington Streets
Dubuque
Dubuque County
Iowa

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Site Location: Eighth and Washington Streets
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 8.10
Cadastral grid : SE1/4 SE1/4 S24 T89N R2E
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'
Lot dimensions : 240'x 256': 1.41 acre
Lot description: City Lots 402 to 414 and 416;
North 25'2" of City Lot 415.

Present Owner: Jeld-Wen, Inc.
Present Usage: factory / warehouse
Present Condition : good

Overall Dimensions: 240'x 256': two stories

Orientation : east

Architectural Plan type : rectangular; 2-story open plan warehouse.

Description : Foundation: coursed limestone ashlar perimeter walls.

Structure : wood frame with masonry bearing walls.

Ext. walls: common red brick laid in common bond.

Roofs : shallowly sloped, hipped composition roof with
large central gabled clerestory.

Chimneys : none

Windows : painted wood 12/12 double-hung windows with
segmental brick heads and stone lug sills.

Openings : sectional garage doors and single-leaf entrance
doors cut into walls of all sides.

Details : modestly corbeled bricks at cornice level on
all sides; regularly spaced vertical brick
corbels on exterior walls, including stepped
out panels at the corners and center and
indented window panels.

Construction Date : 1906

Architecture Style: 19th Century Functional

Physical History : Reportedly a salvaged exhibition hall from the 1904 Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis, this two-story brick building was constructed between Jackson and Washington and Seventh and Eighth streets in Dubuque in 1906. The Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company, a major sash, door, blind and wood trim producer, built the structure on the former site of one of the company's open-air lumber drying yards. Covering an entire city block, the building was used as a lumber storage shed and drying kiln. Carr, Adams and Collier, Farley's major competitor, acquired the property in 1960 when the latter firm went out of business. The building has retained its

overall form, with only the resheathing of the clerestory as a major exterior alteration.

Significance: This lumber warehouse is historically significant for its association with one of Dubuque's largest industrial houses, the Farley and Loetscher Manufacturing Company. It is architecturally significant as a representative example of the industrial structures built in Dubuque's industrial district in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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